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AMEMBASSY ANKARA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CSCE, EEC, ECE, SENV, ENRG, BE

SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS WITH BELGIANS ON BREZHNEV  
CONFERENCE PROPOSALS

REFS: (A) STATE 75059 (B) GENEVA 3349

1. WE MADE PRESENTATION ON THIS SUBJECT MARCH 29 TO  
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (VAN DE VELDE/OFFICER-IN-CHARGE  
OF ECE AFFAIRS), DRAWING ON REF A AND LEAVING TEXT IN  
QUOTES FROM REF B AS NON-PAPER.

2. VAN DE VELDE SAID THAT HE WOULD SEE THAT OUR VIEWS  
WERE CONVEYED TO THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS BEFORE THE  
APRIL 4 EC FOREIGN MINISTERS' COUNCIL. BELGIAN POSITION  
ON ALL THREE TOPICS -- TRANSPORTATION, ENVIRONMENT,  
ENERGY -- APPEARED TO HIM TO BE CLOSE TO OURS. VAN DE  
VELDE CONFIRMED THAT TRANSPORTATION CONFERENCE HAD VERY  
LITTLE SUPPORT AMONG EC-9; PROPOSAL WAS SO LITTLE  
REGARDED THAT MFA HAD NOT EVEN BOTHERED TO SPECIFICALLY  
INSTRUCT FOREIGN MINISTER SIMONET ON IT.

3. VAN DE VELDE SAID THAT BELGIANS HAD ADOPTED A  
"MINIMALIST" POSITION ON THE ENVIRONMENT QUESTIONS,  
AND HAD PROPOSED TO FOREIGN MINISTER SIMONET THAT HE GO  
ALONG WITH WHAT VAN DE VELDE BELIEVES TO BE AN  
EMERGING EC CONSENSUS TO POSTPONE ANY DECISION ON  
ENVIRONMENT TOPICS UNTIL THIRTY-FOURTH MEETING OF ECE  
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IN APRIL 1979. BELGIANS ARE FLATLY OPPOSED TO IDEA  
OF ENERGY CONFERENCE.

4. VAN DE VELDE CONTINUED THAT IT WAS HIS IMPRESSION  
THAT MOST OF EC-9 SHARED CAUTIOUS AND SKEPTICAL BELGIAN  
APPROACH TO THESE THREE ISSUES, ADDING THAT NO ONE  
WISHED TO GIVE THE RUSSIANS ANY PRESENTS AFTER THEIR  
PERFORMANCE AT BELGRADE. CHAMBERS

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